

Council decides to defer vote on increasing size of investment board

The County Council decided Tuesday to defer action on whether to increase the size of an investment board in charge of \$3 billion in employee retirement plans.

The investment board oversees money invested in stock and bond funds, similar to 401(k) invest-

Aoyagi's latest position as homeland security chief was eradicated as part of a county reorganization proposed by Leggett. Aoyagi, who led the reorganization committee "wrote himself out of a job," said Council President Michael J. Kaapp in making the presentation.

Prior to that position, Aoyagi was the county's fire administrator — another job eliminated by a county government reorganization — heading the career and volunteer fire and rescue services. Aoyagi began his career in the county in 1985 as a division chief for Ride On bus service.

"I truly, truly am humbled," he said on Tuesday. "It's been a wonderful thing to work for Montgomery County, to work with residents and to work with the staff ... We've all worked hard to make it the great place it is."

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ments for private-sector employees. County taxpayers pay for 87 percent of the retirement plans.

A council finance committee had voted 2-1 last week to expand the board, a move that would have increased union representation on the board by two members, and would have made the president of the county's largest union a designated member of the board.

This week, Councilwoman Duchy Trachtenberg (D-At large) of Bethesda, who heads the finance committee asked for more information before the full council vote. Trachtenberg had asked for the information during committee discussions and initially wanted to delay a committee vote, but was overruled by the other two members.

In other action, the council approved the board's newest member, George S. Willie, who will serve as a public member of the board.

Goodbye, Gordon

The council said goodbye to longtime county administrator Gordon Aoyagi in advance of his leaving the county at the end of the month.

Department directors confirmed

Also Tuesday, the council confirmed directors of reorganized county departments as part of a plan by Leggett to streamline county services.

David E. Dise will be General Services director, which now includes many of the public works functions formally in the larger Public Works and Transportation Department. He was originally selected by Leggett to be Procurement director, a department that is now a part of General Services. Dise's annual salary will be \$176,800.

Leading the new Department of Transportation will be Arthur Holmes Jr., who formally headed DPWT. Holmes will earn \$185,422.